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Erik Milito is the Director of Upstream and Industry Operations for the American Petroleum Institute (API), which is the national trade association representing more than 600 companies involved in all aspects of the oil and gas industry, including exploration production, refining and transportation. Mr. Milito's work covers regulatory and legislative matters related to domestic exploration and production, including access to domestic oil and natural gas resources both onshore and offshore. Prior to his current position, Mr. Milito served as managing counsel covering a host of legal issues, including oil and gas leasing, royalty, environmental, fuels, transportation, safety, and civil justice reform.

Prior to joining API, Mr. Milito served for over four years on active duty in the U.S. Army as a judge advocate, and an additional four years in the U.S. Army Reserve, resigning at the rank of Major. Mr. Milito was assigned to active duty tours in Hawaii, Korea and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and he served as a prosecutor, defense attorney and command advisor. Mr. Milito was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medals during his military tenure. After leaving the Army, Mr. Milito worked as a career attorney with the Solicitor's Office of the U.S. Department of the Interior. While at Interior, Mr. Milito worked on oil and natural gas law, employment law, and disability access issues.

Mr. Milito attended the University of Notre Dame on an R.O.T.C. scholarship, and received a bachelor's degree in business administration. Mr. Milito then received his juris doctor from Marquette University Law School, where he was a member of the law review.

Mr. Milito has testified about industry efforts related to offshore drilling safety before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the House Natural Resources Committee, the House Committee on Science and Technology, the Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard, the National Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, and the National Academy of Engineering Investigation of the Spill. Mr. Milito testified before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee on offshore oil and gas issues, and the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources in hearings related to development of unconventional oil and gas resources. Mr. Milito testified before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee on the agreement between the United States and Mexico to allow development of oil and natural gas resources along the countries maritime border in the Gulf of Mexico that has since been approved by Congress and the President. Mr. Milito also testified before the House Subcommittee on Nonproliferation, Trade and Terrorism about the importance of crude oil exports to the economy and national security. Mr. Milito has authored and co-authored several journal articles related to natural resources issues, including a chapter in the recently published *Hydraulic Fracturing: Environmental Issues, ACS Symposium Series 1216*. He routinely serves as a keynote and guest speaker on U.S. energy topics, and has appeared on CNN, C-SPAN, FoxNews and various other news outlets.

Mr. Milito formerly served on the Board of Trustees of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, and on the Board of Directors of the Alexandria, Virginia Boys and Girls Club. Erik and his wife Beth have four children, Will, Helen, Evie, and Jake and live in Alexandria, VA.